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ITEM NO: WH-2

DATE: 9 NOVEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: FRENCH FAVOR OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO AT EC-ARAB TALKS

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AT A MEETING THURSDAY OF THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS, THE FRENCH ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE HAD ASKED THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION BE GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS AT THE EC-ARAB TALKS. THE FRENCH, WHO FAVOR GRANTING THE ARAB REQUEST, ARGUED THAT THE US WAS MOVING FROM "RECOGNITION" OF THE PLO TO ACTUALLY DEALING WITH IT IN SOME FASHION.

ONLY THE ITALIANS SUPPORTED THE FRENCH PROPOSALS. THE OTHERS WERE NEGATIVE OR NON-COMMITTAL. THE DUTCH POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE FOR THE EC TO DECIDE TO GRANT THE PLO'S REQUEST AT THE SAME TIME THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION WAS ~~BEING~~ BEING DEBATED AT THE UN.

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THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED THAT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD CONSIDER THE ISSUE AT THEIR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18.

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